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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 17, 2004, please consider the following. No extensions of time or fees are believed to be due for consideration of this paper. If any extensions of time are deemed necessary or any additional fees deemed due, please grant such extensions and charge any such additional fees to Deposit Account 23-3030, but not to include issue fees.

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REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") dated March 17, 2004 was not clear as to why it was issued. Subsequent telephone calls with Legal Instruments Examiner Stefanie Bryce indicated that the Notice was issued because the prior amendment left out the text of previously withdrawn claims 1-34 and 40-68. Applicants have now re-submitted the entirety of the corrected section, headed "In The Claims," in compliance with the Notice.

Applicants now respectfully request that this case be reconsidered based on the response offered above and the rest of the amendment and terminal disclaimer originally filed on January 14, 2004. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below if there are any questions or further issues concerning this application or amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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